



## CPA INTEREST GROUPS

Sections are the primary agents through which the particular and special needs of members are met and interests served. Sections are part of the formal organizational structure of CPA.

The status of an Interest Group is offered, as an informal structure, to small groups<sup>2</sup> of CPA members who have a special interest related to psychology and who wish to be supported in getting together at the time of the CPA Annual Convention, but do not wish to become part of the formal organizational structure of CPA.

In providing support to Interest Groups:

The CPA Board will consider any petition to establish an Interest Group from a group of 15 or more Fellows and Members of the Association. The petition should include a statement of purpose of the proposed Interest Group.

The Convention Committee will arrange space for a 1/2 hour block of time for the meeting/programme of each approved Interest Group at each CPA Annual Meeting.

Applications for membership in the Interest Group will be processed by Central Office at the time of CPA membership renewal. Central Office will provide the Interest Group with a list of members in the Spring of each year.

The same administration fee that is set for members of Sections shall be charged by Central Office to each member of an Interest Group.

Interest Groups will be represented on the Board by the Chair of the Committee on Sections.

The Chair or representative of the Interest Group may attend the Committee on Sections meeting as an observer.

In keeping with the status of being an informal structure within CPA, Interest Groups:

Shall not set or collect annual dues or membership fees.

Shall not be entitled to appoint a representative to sit as a member on the Committee on Sections.

Shall not be required to pass its own By-Laws, or to submit financial and annual reports to the Board.

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<sup>1</sup> Approved by CPA Board, June 1992

<sup>2</sup> Small is defined as no less than 15 Fellows and Members of the Association and no more than 2% of the total CPA membership.